

Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format When Using Categorical Exclusions Not Established by Statute

A. Background

BLM Office: Rock Springs Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WYW90841
CX Number: DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2016-0123-CX
Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: Williams Field Services Co. LLC
Proposed Action Title/Type: Renewal of 4.5 inch buried natural gas pipeline.
Location of Proposed Action: T. 28 N., R. 111 W., section 31: SE¼SW¼, W½SE¼, 6th P.M.,
Sublette County, Wyoming
Description of Proposed Action: Right-of-way renewal for an existing buried 4.5 inch pipeline.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Green River Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision as
amended by the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for
the Rocky Mountain Region, Including the Greater Sage-Grouse Sub-Regions of Lewistown,
North Dakota, Northwest Colorado, and Wyoming.

Date Approved/Amended: August 8, 1997/September 21, 2015

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically
provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Page 9 of the RMP

*"The objectives for the management of the land and realty program are to: 1) manage the public
lands to support the goals and objectives of other resource programs; 2) respond to public
demand for land use authorizations..."*

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically
provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives,
terms, and conditions): N/A

C: Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National
Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E.9.

*"Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are
conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations."*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

D: Stipulations

Construction activity and surface disturbance will be prohibited during the period from November 15 to April 30 for the protection of mule deer crucial winter range. Any exceptions to this requirement must have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

Construction activity and surface disturbance will be prohibited during the period from April 10 to July 10 for the protection of mountain plover nesting areas. Any exceptions to this requirement must have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

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